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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application: **Holloway et al.**Serial No.: **10/006,077**Filed: **December 6, 2001**

For: **Data Processing System Input  
 Pointing Device Including Means and  
 Method for Controlling Audio Output**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: